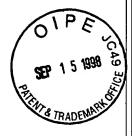
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
<pre>In re Application of:</pre>
Ulrich STACHE et al. ) Examiner: B. Badio )
Serial No.: 08/897,455 ) Group Art Unit: 1616
Filed: July 22, 1997 )
For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS AND CORTICOSTEROID 17-CARBOXYLIC ESTER 21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING THESE COMPOUNDS 2
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:
TRANSMITTAL LETTER 99 27 26
Enclosed is an Amendment in response to the Office action dated June 16, 1998 in the above-identified application. The items checked below are appropriate:
1. / Applicants hereby petition for a month extension of time to respond to said Office action. The fee of \$ is enclosed.
2. / / A check for \$ to cover the above fee is enclosed.
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.
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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated June 16, 1998, kindly enter the following amendment.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

# Please amend claims 4, 5, and 7 as follows:

- 4. (Amended) A pharmaceutical <u>composition</u> for treating dermatoses[, in particular those which are inflammatory and allergic, which has] <u>dontaining</u> an effective [content] <u>amount</u> of a compound <u>of the formula</u> I as claimed in claim 1, <u>together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive</u>.
- 5. (Twice amended) A method for treating dermatoses[, comprising] which comprises applying to skin in need of said treatment an effective amount of a compound of the formula I as

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